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Report Highlights:

The Ministry of Economic Development (MED) has announced the initial distribution of 2011 tariff-rate quotas (TRQ) quantities to importers. As speculated, the poultry TRQ has not only been reduced to 350,000 MT and narrowed in product scope, but it will not have country-specific allocations in 2011. Russia increased the U.S. frozen beef quota allocation from 21,700 to 41,700 MT while making the equivalent reduction to “other countries”. Fresh beef, pork, and pork trimming TRQ remain unchanged from 2010. MED will distribute the remaining TRQ quantities to importers by April 15, 2010.

General Information:

On December 25, 2010, the Ministry of Economic Development (MED) distributed 25 percent of the 2011 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) quantities for beef, pork, and poultry among importers. This action is in accordance with Customs Union Decision #505 (November 18, 2010) and yet to be published GOR Resolution #1111 (December 24, 2010). MED will distribute the remaining 75 percent of quota allocations to importers by April 15, 2011.

Detailed importer distributions are available on MED's website at in the following five documents (http://www.economy.gov.ru/minec/activity/sections/foreigneconomicactivity/regulation/doc20101225_04):

- Data on distribution among participants in foreign trade of 25 percent of import tariff-rate quota set for fresh and chilled beef (HCS 0201);
- Data on distribution among participants in foreign trade of 25 percent of import tariff-rate quota set for frozen beef (HCS 0202);
- Data on distribution among participants in foreign trade of 25 percent of import tariff-rate quota set for pork (HCS 0203);
- Data on distribution among participants in foreign trade of 25 percent of import tariff-rate quota set for pork trimmings (HCS 0203 29 550 2 and 0203 29 900 2);
- Data on distribution among participants in foreign trade of 25 percent of import tariff-rate quota set for poultry (HCS 0207 14 100 1, 0207 14 200 1, 0207 14 600 1 and 0207 27 100 1).

Beef

The fresh beef quota is left unchanged from 2010. The total annual quota is 30,000 MT, of which the United States will be able to compete for 1,000 MT allocated to "other countries", of which 25 percent (250 MT) has been distributed to importers.

The frozen beef quota has been increased for the United States and lowered for "other countries" without impacting the total. The total 2011 allocation for the United States for frozen beef will increase from 21,700 to 41,700 MT, of which 25 percent (10,425 MT) has been distributed to importers.

Pork

The pork quota is left unchanged from 2010. The total 2011 U.S. allocation for pork will be 57,500 MT, of which 25 percent (14,375 MT) has been distributed to importers.

The pork trimming quota is left unchanged from 2010. The total 2011 pork trimmings quota is 27,900 MT, of which 25 percent (6,975 MT) has been distributed to importers. The pork trimmings quota has no country specific allocations.

Poultry

In comparison with 2010, the poultry quota is lower, features a narrower product definition, and lacks country-specific allocations. The total 2011 poultry TRQ is 350,000 MT, of which 25 percent (87,500 tons) has been distributed to importers. Previously, all poultry qualified for the TRQ quantity and the United States held roughly a 75 percent share of the total.

Russia's 2011 TRQ Distribution to Importers, by Type and Country-Specific Allocation

Product	TRQ Quantity, Metric Tons	
	25% Distributed	100% Projected

Cattle meat, fresh and chilled (CU TN VED code 0201)	7,500	30,000
--From EU	7,250	29,000
--From Other Countries	250	1,000
Cattle meat, frozen (CU TN VED code 0202)	132,500	530,000
--From EU	15,000	60,000
--From United States	10,425	41,700
--From Other Countries	107,075	428,300
Pork, fresh, chilled and frozen (CU TN VED code 0203)	118,025	472,100
--From EU	56,250	225,000
--From United States	14,375	57,500
--From Other Countries	47,400	189,600
Pork trimmings (CU TN VED codes 0203 29 550 2; 0203 29 900 2)	6,975	27,900
Frozen deboned chicken meat (CU TN VED code 0207 14 100 1); Frozen bone-in chicken halves or quarters (CU TN VED code 0207 14 200 1); Frozen bone-in chicken legs and cuts from them (CU TN VED code 0207 14 600 1); Frozen deboned turkey meat (CU TN VED code 0207 27 100 1)	87,500	350,000